

# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of June 29th,  
through July 6th, 2016

**4TH OF JULY  
CELEBRATION**

**FREE  
EVENT**

 N'Tense

 Three Quarters Fast Band

 Shaun Martin and the Band

**FIREWORKS • GAMES • VENDORS • FOOD • LIVE MUSIC**  
**Monday, July 4th**  
6pm Start & Fireworks start at 9pm  
**LANCASTER COMMUNITY PARK**  
1700 Veterans Memorial Park

For more information call 972.218.3700 or visit [www.lancaster-tx.com](http://www.lancaster-tx.com)

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The Library and Computer Lab  
will be closed Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in  
honor of Independence Day.

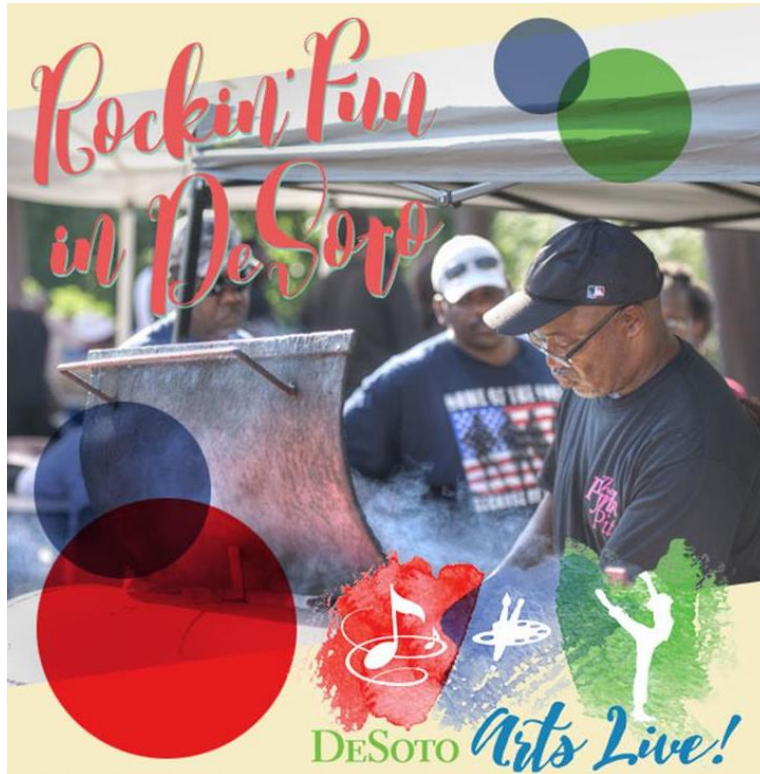
City of DeSoto Offices and  
facilities will be closed on July 4th

The DeSoto Recreation Center will  
be open from 8 am to noon  
on July 4th



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Free Summer Fun  
Brought to You by  
the DeSoto Arts  
Commission

DeSoto, Texas, is jam-packed with free, fun events waiting for your friends and family to attend.



Inside Out **PG**

Friday, July 15 · Sundown

[DeSoto's Town Center Outdoor Amphitheater](#)

Catch this fun movie about the emotional lives of emotions. We will gather at 8:30 p.m., and the movie will start around 9:00 p.m. Concessions will be available for purchase.



**Beneath the Stars Poetry Slam and Concerts**


Friday, July 22 · 7:00 p.m.

[DeSoto's Town Center Outdoor Amphitheater](#)

This epic event begins with a poetry slam and continues through the evening with **The Funky Knuckles**, a jazz/funk fusion band. Concessions provided by Big Tony's West Philly Cheesesteaks.


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**Modeltude Agency**  
*presents*  
**Smartshoppe Sessions**  
**for Teens ages 13-18**  
**Saturdays this Summer**  
**July 16, 23, 30 and August 6**



**WORKSHOP ONE— 12 TO 1PM**  
**THE ART OF LIVING: PERSONAL STYLE**  
**FACILITATOR: XERKELL PALMER**

**TOPICS COVERED:**


- WEEK 1: COLOR CODING YOUR STYLE
- WEEK 2: FIGURE IT OUT
- WEEK 3: LET'S FACE IT-HAIR AND SKIN-CARE
- WEEK 4: THE PERSON WITHIN



**WORKSHOP TWO—1 TO 3PM**  
**MODELING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**  
**FACILITATOR: DONYAN M. ROGERS**

**TOPICS COVERED:**

- WEEK 1: MODELING 101
- WEEK 2: MODELING INDUSTRY
- WEEK 3: MODELING ENRICHMENT
- WEEK 4: SHOWTIME—FASHION SHOW



For information call 972.230.9661. You may register for 1 or 2 workshops beginning May 9.  
[www.modeltudeagency.com](http://www.modeltudeagency.com)



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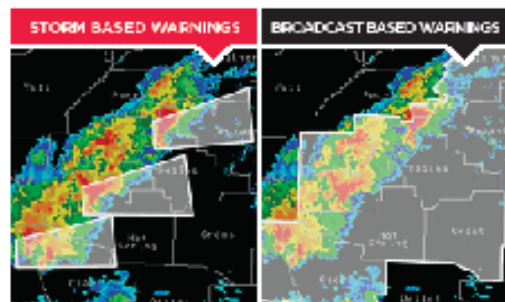
**The City of DeSoto Recently Upgraded its CodeRED System to Provide Weather Warning Messages to Subscribers.**



The City of DeSoto recently updated its account with Emergency Communications Network, providers of the CodeRED high-speed notification solution and the CodeRED Weather Warning service. The CodeRED System allows us to telephone all or targeted areas of the city in case of an emergency situation that requires immediate action (such as a boil-water notice, a missing child or elderly person or an evacuation notice). With the upgrades to the system, those registered will also receive automated alerts when you are in the direct path of severe weather.

These severe weather notifications are generated automatically 24 hours a day based strictly on Doppler radar. With the upgrade, you can now receive the warnings for tornados, flash floods or severe thunderstorms. Only citizens in the immediate impact area will be alerted.

However, you must be registered with the CodeRED System to receive the notifications. If we were previously receiving emergency messages, that means you have already signed up in the past for the general emergency notifications but this is an upgrade and you must opt in and resubmit your information if you would like to receive these Doppler radar special alerts.



If you do not wish to receive these new Doppler radar alerts, you do not have to do anything and you will continue to receive the normal alerts that come from one of the city employees. To receive the new weather notifications, go to [www.desototexas.gov](http://www.desototexas.gov) and choose E-services and then CodeRED. Halfway down the page, there is a large CodeRED weather warning icon. Click on it and follow the directions to register your landline and mobile telephone numbers along with an email address. You do NOT need to create an account and there is NO fee for this service. Your contact information will remain private and will only be used for severe weather and other city alerts. For more information on DeSoto's CodeRED system, please call Fire Administration at 972.230.9680.

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PREPARING FOR  
THE **PSAT** TEST ?

## FREE **PSAT** PREP MINI-COURSE

SATURDAYS, JULY 2 AND JULY 9 FROM 12:30 TO 2:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION BEGINS JUNE 1, CALL 972.230.9661

CLASS OPEN TO 10TH AND 11TH GRADE STUDENTS.

Each year, high school juniors take the PSAT {Preliminary SAT} test in October. Students who excel can be named National Merit Scholars. Eligible African-American students can participate in the National Achievement Scholarship program. Certified Teacher, *Cynthia Springer* will present techniques in this course that will teach students how to maximize their results.

Week One will concentrate on how the PSAT has changed and how to manage the Reading Section.

Week Two will highlight the Math Section and focus on how to work the different types of math problems.

*The Desoto Public Library has books and other resources available to help students prepare for the PSAT, SAT and other College Entrance exams.*

*Please consult a librarian for assistance.*

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Protect yourself and your loved ones  
from Zika virus.

Zika virus is found in regions such as  
Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

If you are diagnosed with Zika virus,  
protect yourself from more mosquito bites.

Getting bit makes local spread possible  
because the mosquitoes that transmit  
Zika virus are in Dallas County.

**DEET:** DEET All Day, Every Day: Whenever you're outside, use insect repellents that contain DEET or other EPA approved repellents and follow instructions.

**Dress:** Wear long, loose, and light-colored clothing outside.

**Drain:** Drain or treat all standing water with EPA-approved larvicides in and around your home or workplace.

**Dusk & Dawn:** Limit outdoor activities during dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

**Travel Precautions:** Choose a hotel or lodging with air conditioning or screens on windows or doors. Sleep under a mosquito bed net if you are outside or in a room that is not well-screened.

**Sexual partners can protect each other from Zika virus by abstaining from sex or using condoms consistently and correctly during sex.**

## ZIKA VIRUS PREVENTION FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

**Pregnant women and women trying to get pregnant can protect themselves from Zika virus by taking the following precautions:**

- Pregnant women in any trimester should consider postponing travel to the areas where Zika virus transmission is ongoing.
- Pregnant women who do travel should talk to their doctor or other healthcare provider first and strictly follow steps to avoid mosquito bites during the trip.
- Pregnant women should discuss their male partner's potential exposures to mosquitoes and history of Zika-like illness.
- Women trying to become pregnant or who are thinking about becoming pregnant should consult with their healthcare provider before traveling and strictly follow steps to prevent mosquito bites during the trip.



**DCHHS**  
Safe families, healthy lives.  
Dallas County Health and Human Services

214.819.2000



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## Basic Digital Photography

A discussion for Beginners and  
Those Looking to Improve

**Saturday, July 9, 2016**

**1 pm—2 pm**

**DeSoto Public Library Assembly Hall**

With Summer vacations just around the corner, it's a perfect time to learn about photography to capture those great memories!

This program will focus on digital photography, both for the beginner and those looking to learn new skills and techniques.

Rob Wilbourn is a Texas native who has made his home in DeSoto since 2001. He is a retired Air Force fighter pilot, and spent sixteen additional years as an airline and private jet pilot before retiring to follow his passion for photography. Rob is a self-taught photographer, photo editor, and print maker, and has won numerous awards in photo print competitions. In addition to staying busy with frequent travels, Rob is a member of the North American Nature Photography Association as well as the North Texas Chapter of Texas Master Naturalists.



For more information, please call the library at 972.230.9661 or visit the library's webpage at [www.desototexas.gov/library](http://www.desototexas.gov/library).